Losses suffered by ITDC due to fire in its Faridabad godown

*48. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Tourism Development Corporation suffered a loss of lakhs of rupees due to the destruction of publicity material caused by fire in its Faridabad godown;

(b) if so, what is the etimated loss suffered by the ITDC as a result thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted by Government to ascertain the causes of the fire; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Material worth Rs. 72.58 lakhs was destroyed by fire in Faridabad godown of ITDC.

(c) and (d) As the ITDC after their enquiry had reported that the fire was accidental, no further enquiry was condcted by the Government.

Committee on computerisation in Banks

*49. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India had constituted a Committee on Computerisation in banks in September, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since prepared any perspective plan ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) by when the proposed plan would be made operative ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The perspective plan of computerisation in banking industry as drawn up by the Rangarajan Committee for the period 1990-94 incorporates, *inter-alia*, computerisation of abont 500 large branches located at 30 metropolitan/urban centres during the next 2-3 years. The computerisation is to be extended to cover some additional relatively large branches resulting in computerisation of about 6-7 percent of branches of public sector banks during 1990-94. Total number of public sector banks branches are 39,000 (approximately). The plan also envisages some computerisation of Regional/Zonal Offices for better house-keeping and decision-making.

Modalities for debt relief to weaker sections of society

*50. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evolved modalities for debt relief upto Rs. 10,000 to small, marginal and landless cultivators and also for artisans and persons living below the poverty line in slums in urban areas;